MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Business Administration
Course BA 371-E01 – Business Law I
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Required Texts: Liuzzo, A., Bonnice, J. (2019). Essentials of Business Law (10th ed.). New York, NY: Irwin/McGraw-Hill.

Additional reading will be assigned throughout the semester.

University Catalog Course Description: (3 credit hours)

Business Law I explores principles of law applicable to business which include roles of law in such areas as contracts and sales, agency, partnerships, bankruptcy, negotiable instruments, torts, and other legal subjects.

Expanded Course Description

The principles learned in this course will provide students with an understanding of the legal system in the United States and an understanding of its application in the business setting.

Disclaimer

Information in this course is general information. It does not constitute legal advice relative to particular matters that may be of interest/concern to you. Any attorney-client relationship with any and all members of the class is hereby disclaimed. Legal rights and duties are based on all relevant facts and will vary based on current law and legal jurisdiction. If you are concerned with a particular legal matter, consult separately, and apart from this class, with a licensed attorney of your choice.

Course Goals

The goal of this course is to present legal principles affecting decisions made in the business context. Specific coverage includes the following topics: Criminal Law, Tort Law, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Contracts, and Legal Ethics.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course students will be able to:

1. Identify legal issues that may be encountered in the business world;
2. Explain legal principles concerning these issues; and,
3. Apply the principles appropriately to resolve the respective issues; and,

Course Requirements/ Format/ Activities etc.

This course is designed as an assignment/project-based course. For that reason, the majority of your grade will be determined by the quality of the assignments/projects that you submit. Assignments include quizzes and discussion posts.

Scheduled assignments MUST be completed and successfully submitted through the CANVAS or other approved means by due date and time. Assignments automatically become unavailable after the due date/time expires.

NO opportunities will be available for making up online class activities or assignments and no multiple submissions will be allowed. All assignments MUST be keyed using MS Word or saved as a **.doc** file.

Grading

Introduction	21 pts	21
Quizzes (20)	20 pts each	400
End-of-chapter (EOC) Assignments (20)	20 pts each	400
Final	100 pts	100
Discussions (4)	21 pts each	84
	Total Pts.	**1000**

*Extra Credit Assignment- An extra credit assignment will be posted after the start of class (please pay attention to your email accounts.) This assignment will be due on December 2, 2022. This assignment is completely optional and will not harm your final grade! However, up to 25 points can be added to your grade based on the quality of your work!

Performance Standards/Grading

A	900 – 1000	90%
B	800 – 899	80%
C	700 – 799	70%
D	600 – 699	60%
F	=<599	50%

Grade Appeals:

Any student who believes that s/he has been graded unfairly, even after talking with me about the grade, may appeal that grade by following University procedures as explained in the Student Handbook. Please keep records of all graded assignments and make all appeals in writing with the proper documentation. It is the student's responsibility to prove that s/he has been graded unfairly.

Disabilities Statement:

Mississippi Valley State University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with a documented disability. If you feel you are eligible to receive accommodations for a covered disability (medical, physical, psychiatric, learning, vision, hearing, etc.) and would like to request it for this course, you must be registered with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) program administered by University College. It is recommended that you visit the Disabilities Office located inside the EMAP Computer Lab in the Technical Education (IT) Building to register for the program at the beginning of each semester. If you are determined to be eligible after your confidential consultation, you will be provided with a Memo of Accommodations that must be submitted to each of your instructors.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mr. Billy Benson, Jr. via phone or email at 662-254-3005 or billy.benson@mvsu.edu.

Academic Integrity

All acts of academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating on exams, plagiarism, internet papers, paraphrasing internet papers, presenting someone else's work as your own, failing to meet academic and professional requirements, will result in an automatic "F" The University's academic honesty and plagiarism are enforced in this course.

Course Outline/Assignment, Quiz & Exam Schedule

DUE DATE *Note: Assignments must be submitted via the assignment tab on CANVAS. See CANVAS for the submission time.*	ASSIGNMENT
Week of 9/12/2022- 9/16/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapter 1 and 2. Complete the Quiz for Chapter 1 and 2.
Week of 9/19/2022- 9/23/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapters 3 and 4. Complete the Quizzes for Chapters 3 and 4.
Week of 9/26/2022- 9/30/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapters 5 and 6. Complete the Quizzes for Chapters 5 and 6. Post your response to Discussion 1.
Week of 10/3/2022- 10/7/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapters 7 and 8. Complete the Quizzes for Chapters 7 and 8. Post your response to Discussion 2.
Week of 10/10/2022- 10/14/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapters 9 and 10. Complete the Quizzes for Chapters 9 and 10. Post your response to Discussion 2.

Week of 10/17/2022- 10/21/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapters 11 and 12. Complete the Quizzes for Chapters 11 and 12..
Week of 10/24/2022- 10/28/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapters 13 and 14. Complete the Quizzes for Chapters 13 and 14. Post your response to Discussion 3.
Week of 10/31/2022- 11/04/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapters 15 and 16. Complete the Quizzes for Chapters 15 and 16.
Week of 11/07/2022- 11/11/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapters 17 and 18. Complete the Quizzes for Chapters 17 and 18.
Week of 11/14/2022- 11/18/2022	Prepare/submit the EOC (end-of-chapter) assignment ("Discussion Questions" & "Thinking Critically About the Law") for Chapters 19 and 20. Complete the Quiz for Chapters 19 and 20. Post your response to Discussion 4.
Week of 11/28/2022- 12/02/2022	No assignments! ***Optional Extra Credit Assignment Due. No late submission will be accepted!** Use this time to review and prepare for Final Exams!
12/07/2022	Complete the Final Exam
Comments	This syllabus is not a contract, but a guideline. The instructor reserves the right to modify it at her/his discretion. You will be notified of changes to the syllabus via CANVAS mail.